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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed in connection with the captioned application on March 14, 2006, Applicant advises that that Amendment submitted on March 1, 2006 did not involve any changes to the drawings, whatsoever.

As stated in the Amendment (first full paragraph on page 5), the appended drawing was furnished in support of the arguments presented therein, and for the purpose of comparing the claimed device with the book holder of the prior art patent to Lunday. Accordingly, the sketch submitted should not have been identified as a "replacement sheet," a "new sheet," or an "annotated sheet."

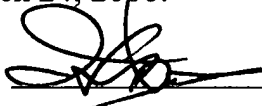
These facts were discussed by telephone with the responsible Legal Instruments Examiner, who nevertheless required submission of this written explanation.

Respectfully submitted,  
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